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## RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2002, applicants amend their application as follows:

## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 26, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--The piezoelectric elements 23a, 23b, 23c, 23d, 23e and 23f expand in the longitudinal direction because the positively polarized surfaces thereof are respectively in contact with the electrodes 28a, 28c and 28e, i.e., the

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